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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

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Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SAAG TIP AMENDMENT NO. 2

Your letter dated January 10, 1997, documented your approval of Amendment Number No. 2 to the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments' (SAAG) 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). SAAG's TIP Amendment No. 2 adds a lump-sum project for Caltrans preliminary engineering.

We find this TIP Amendment was developed based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134. The updated programming is for project types within Table 2- Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 51.460 are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the SAAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. These funds are managed by the Department at the statewide level and are already reserved within the STIP. Financial Plan. This lump-sum project will allow the Department flexibility to access Federal preliminary engineering funds for work within the SAAG region. This FTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the STIP. Financial Plan

This finding has been coordinated with the regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency EPA in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996.

Sincerely,

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator